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Mayor Sanders Commends Council President Peters' Efforts to Renovate La Jolla Fire Station

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council President Scott Peters and Newly Appointed Fire-Safety Chief Tracy Jarman will join the La Jolla Sunrise Rotary tonight for an Open House and Fundraiser to support the renovation of Fire Station #13 in La Jolla.

Originally planned as a temporary facility, Fire Station #13 lacks much of the modern equipment used by our firefighters. There have been no structural or facilities improvements in 14 years, and it's really starting to show its age. This firehouse was built before the inclusion of women firefighters, who now share common dormitory space with men.

The project was initiated by a conversation between Trip Bennett of La Jolla Sunrise Rotary and Council President Scott Peters, who represents La Jolla. After a tour of the station, Scott really wanted to help them find the money they needed for improvements. Trip Bennett's son is a firefighter in Rancho Santa Fe, and he was more than willing to head up the fundraising efforts.

So far the rotary club has risen over \$100,000 toward their goal of \$450,000. An anonymous donor will match one dollar for each two dollars raised by the Rotary. They hope to have the fundraising complete by September, and begin the 4-month construction project in October of this year. The firefighters at Station 13 are donating the labor for the project.

Mayor Sanders said, "This is another great example of what can be done when the public and private sectors work together. My thanks go out to Council President Peters, the La Jolla Sunrise Rotary, and its many donors for their innovative approach to solving a problem in their community."

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